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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, AND  
IMAGE DECODING METHOD

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated June 5, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

The amendments presented below are in compliance with the revised amendment format permitted in the Notice from the Office of Patent Legal Administration of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated February 10, 2003, and published at 1267 OG 106 on February 25, 2003. Thus, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.121(a), (b), (c) and (d) are waived for amendments made in this application to the drawings.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this document, and include an attached replacement drawing sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: